

1    ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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3        A method and an apparatus which eliminates repeated entry of user information.

4        A first website corresponding to a vendor of products or services presents (or displays)

5        products or services to a user. A second website along with the first website contains

6        information corresponding to a plurality of individuals. A user browses the first website

7        and selects products or services for purchase. In processing the sale, the first website

8        prompts the user to provide information about the user in order to obtain billing and

9        shipping information for example. The first website includes a software application that is

10      programmed to search a storage medium at the first website. The method and apparatus

11      can also communicate with the second website and search and retrieve information

12      corresponding to the user from the second website based on a minimum amount of

13      information entered through a user interface at the first website. The second website is

14      accessed upon the software application being unable to retrieve information about the user

15      from the first website. The retrieved information is appended to the user entered

16      information and is verified by the user. After verification, the (retrieved and user entered)

17      information is transmitted and processed for completing a transaction.